

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RECONCILIATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005".

FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (P.L. 108-447), by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Marvel C. Stalcup, Arizona No-Fee Coalition, Sedona; Kitty Benzar, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Norwood, Colorado; Lance Young, One World Outing Club, Seattle, Washington; and Aubrey C. King, King and Gorin, Bowie, Maryland, on behalf of Western States Tourism Policy Council, Southeast Tourism Society, National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, and the National Alliance of Gateway Communities.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee reported favorably the following business items:

S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act;

S. Res. 255, recognizing the achievements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Waterfowl Population Survey; and S. 1285, to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

Also, committee failed to approve for reporting S. 1772, to streamline the refinery permitting process, as amended.

ECO-TERRORISM: ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued a hearing to examine the threat posed by animal rights activists, specifically Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty and their use of direct action against individuals and companies, focusing on efforts to combat domestic extremists, and ways to protect victims, after receiving testimony from John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Inves-

tigation, and Barry M. Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Mark L. Bibi, Huntingdon Life Sciences, Inc., Hackensack, New Jersey; Skip Boruchin, Legacy Trading Company, Edmond, Oklahoma; Richard P. Bernard, New York Stock Exchange, New York, New York; and Jerry Vlasak, North American Animal Liberation Press Office, Santa Monica, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the tax gap, focusing on components that make up the tax gap and how to ensure that American taxpayers are not bearing the financial burden of those who are not complying with the law, after receiving testimony from Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Bart Lanier Graham, Georgia Department of Revenue, Atlanta; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Washington, D.C.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine emergency preparedness relating to terrorism, focusing on communications failures, risk-based funding, and risk assessment, after receiving testimony from former Senator Slade Gorton, on behalf of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; Wayne C. Thomas, Innovative Emergency Management, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Henry R. Renteria, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather; Matthew R. Bettenhausen, California Office of Homeland Security, Sacramento; and Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

NINTH CIRCUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine proposals to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States, including S. 1296, S. 1301, and S. 1845, after receiving testimony from Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, Portland, Oregon, Richard C. Tallman, Seattle, Washington, Alex Kozinski, Pasadena, California, Andrew J. Kleinfeld, Fairbanks,

Alaska, and Sidney R. Thomas, Billings, Montana, each a Circuit Judge, and Mary M. Schroeder, Chief Judge, Phoenix, Arizona, all of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and District Judge John M. Roll, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Tucson; and Chief Judge Emeritus Marilyn L. Huff, United States District

Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4144–4154; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 275–279; and H. Res. 511–518 were introduced. **Pages H9275–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9276–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–255). **Page H9275**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9105**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Mark Vander Meer, Pastor, Monocacy Valley Church, Ijamsville, Maryland. **Page H9105**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 349 yeas to 62 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 540. **Pages H9105, H9126**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2419, to make appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Page H9110**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Messrs. Hobson, Frelinghuysen, Latham, Wamp, Mrs. Emerson, Messrs. Doolittle, Simpson, Rehberg, Lewis of California, Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, Clyburn, Berry, and Obey. **Page H9110**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, Thursday, October 27th:

Hurricane Katrina Financial Services Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3945, amended, to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions and Federal regulatory agencies; and **Page H9196**

Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly: H. Res. 368, to congratulate the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly. **Pages H9202–04**

Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1461, to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, after adopting the amendment in the nature of a substitute, by a recorded vote of 331 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 547. **Pages H9110–23, H9125–88, H9189–96**

Rejected the Frank motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 546. **Pages H9192–95**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages H9110–11, H9141–78**

Agreed to:

Carson amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) that permits personal property loans secured by manufactured housing to be considered in determining whether a GSE has met its duty to serve underserved markets. The amendment permits manufactured homes that have not been attached to